

North Regional Time Sensitive Emergency Committee (NRTSEC)

Meeting Minutes
September 16, 2016

Opening

The regular meeting of the North Regional Time Sensitive Emergency Committee (NRTSEC) was called to order at 10:02 on September 16, 2016 at Kootenai Health by Chair Chris Way.

Present

Chris Way, Dershi Bussey, Eric Chun, Mike Taylor, Nick Mechikoff, Casey Meza, Ann Ealy, Elaine Cheek, Caryl Johnston. On the phone: Veronica Mitchell-Jones, Ross Crawford, Stu Wilson, and Ken Gramyk. Approval of Agenda.

Motion to approve agenda made by Eric Chun, seconded by Nick Mechikoff. Approved unanimously.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion to approve minutes from July 15, 2016 as written by Eric Chun, seconded by Dershi Bussey. Approved unanimously.

Open Issues

1. TSE State-wide Meeting Update - Chris Way
The next meeting will be an all strategic planning session in November.
2. TSE Program Update –
The program has a new Administrative Assistant Vicky Davies and new TSE Program Specialist Xenya Poole and may get communication from them. Need to tell the TSE story statewide to get more buy in with the critical care hospitals. There have been a few more applications to vote on in the state. BGH is ready to put their application in. KH has 3 orthopedic and neurosurgeons still requiring CME.

Old Business

- a. Update on TSE Applications – Chris Way
Not much to report.
- b. ATLS Course – Dershi Bussey
The State has cancelled the northern region instructor and provider course for September due to difficulty finding instructors. Have reached out to the state for

another date for an instructor and provider course, but have had no communication. Will reach out to Dr. Morgan as the ATLS Director in the southern region for assistance.

c. November Training – Casey Meza

The Emergency Rescue Techniques Simulation training for November 12 still has available space for the morning and afternoon sessions. Classes will be held at North Idaho College in the new Simulation Center. The morning session is for surgeons and ED physicians and the afternoon session is for critical access hospitals with a luncheon in between. The flier has been sent out to the 10 northern counties.

November 4-5 is the EMS Conference and one of the topics will speak to the Idaho Time Sensitive Emergencies. Looking to educate EMS crews to encourage participation and standardization.

New Business

a. Vice Chair Nominations – Chris Way

Ben Suttlemyre has resigned as the current Vice Chair as he is now the base manager in Washington for Life Flight. Casey Meza accepted his resignation and Eric Chun seconded. Looking for someone to fill the Vice Chair position over the next few months. January 2017 will be the election for the Chair and Secretary positions.

b. QI Committee – Nick Mechikoff

Reaching out to the other Regions as a group without success, but has spoken to individual Regions. Currently developing review points to find baseline data to gather for EMS scene time and hospital length of stay.

c. Review Applications – Chris Way

Discussed having a small group to pre-review within our region before sending applications in to the state. It was felt that although the group could look over the applications, the Levels have too many different requirements and should be reviewed by another facility working for the same designation. Kelly McGrath in Clearwater has application in and waiting for site review. Kelly has agreed to help other Level 4 facilities to assist in application process. ARCO is the only Level 4 in the state and has offered to help other facilities as well.

d. EMS Transport Meeting – Chris Way

The State EMS Bureau and Physician's Commission are looking to standardize critical care transport guidelines. This is to prevent poor outcomes due to different transport staff and mechanisms such as taking a nurse off the floor to manage a ventilator with no experience and no one to intubate in case of emergency.

e. Education – Chris Way

Looking for Education Committee to develop educational needs in the region such as the Rural Trauma Team Development Course (RTTDC). 4 out of 5 hospitals in our region are critical access hospitals. The statewide meeting encouraged classes for RTTDC and PHTLS. PHTLS is required initially, but EMS crews do not have to maintain it. Will wait for the state strategic meeting in November and start working to implement their findings.

f. Region 2 – Chris Way

Working to build relationship with Region 2 as we share transfer patterns and flow. Looking at partnering on classes. Casey Meza, Chris Way, Todd Putren and Dershi Bussey will be attending the next Region 2 meeting in Gritman on September 27th.

Other Business

None

Action Items for Next Meeting

Solicit interest in Vice Chair position.

Strategy to develop cross regional assistance to review applications for like trauma verification levels.

Develop a sample EMS protocol to bypass hospitals without specific capabilities to get the patient to the most appropriate facility.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Nick Mechikoff, seconded by Eric Chun. Meeting was adjourned at 11:04 by Chris Way. The next general meeting will be **November 18, 2016 at 10:00 in Kootenai Health Boardroom (Kootenai Services Building).**

Minutes respectfully submitted by:



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